

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.
2. (Original) A DNA in which a 5'-end of a DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 is added to a 3'-end of a DNA in which one or more of a DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 are linked to each other, wherein the link in the DNA in which one or more of the DNA consisting of the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 are linked to each other is such that the 3'-end of a DNA consisting of the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 is adjacent to the 5'-end of a DNA located on that 3'-side.
3. (Original) A DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence as set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 3 to 6.
4. (Currently amended) The DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~, which has a transcriptional activity, wherein the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 is a sequence unit and the transcriptional activity is enhanced in a manner dependent on the number of the sequence units contained in the DNA.
5. (Currently amended) The DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~, which has a transcriptional activity, wherein the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 is a sequence unit and the transcriptional activity is enhanced in a manner dependent on a number of from one to seven of the sequence units contained in the DNA.
6. (Currently amended) An apparatus for regulating gene expression, comprising the DNA

according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5.

7. (Currently amended) A DNA comprising a structural gene and the DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, wherein the DNA ~~according to any of claims 1 to 5~~ is positioned so as to enable the expression of the structural gene.

8. (Currently amended) A vector comprising the DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5.

9. (Currently amended) A vector comprising the DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5 and a DNA having an enhancer function.

10. (Currently amended) The vector according to claim 8 ~~or claim 9~~ comprising a structural gene, wherein the DNA ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 5~~ is positioned so as to enable the expression of the structural gene.

11. (Currently amended) The vector according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 8 to 10, wherein the vector is a mammalian expression vector.

12. (Currently amended) The vector according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 8 to 10, wherein the vector is a virus vector.

13. (Currently amended) The vector according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 8 to 12, wherein the vector is a gene therapy vector.

14. (Currently amended) A transformant which is transformed with the vector according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 8 to 13.

15. (Original) The transformant according to claim 14, wherein the vector is transfected into a mammalian cell.

16. (Currently amended) A method of preparing the DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, wherein the method comprises reacting a DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 with a DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID

NO: 7 to form double-stranded DNAs, then ligating the prepared double-stranded DNAs to produce a conjugate, and then carrying out a polymerase chain reaction using the conjugate as a template.

17. (Original) The method of preparing the DNA according to claim 16, wherein the polymerase chain reaction is carried out using DNAs consisting of either of nucleotide sequences as set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 8 and 9.

18. (Currently amended) A method of regulating an amount of expression of a gene, wherein the method comprises using the DNA according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, the DNA comprising a structural gene and said DNA, according to claim 7, or the a vector comprising said DNA according to any one of claims 8 to 13.

19. (Currently amended) A method of producing a protein, wherein the method comprises using the DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, the DNA comprising a structural gene and said DNA, according to claim 7, the a vector comprising said DNA according to any one of claims 8 to 13, or the a transformant that is transformed with said vector according to claim 14 or 15.

20. (Currently amended) A reagent kit, comprising at least one member selected from the DNA according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, the DNA comprising a structural gene and said DNA, according to claim 7, the a vector comprising said DNA, according to any one of claims 8 to 13, ~~and the~~ or a transformant that is transformed with said vector according to claim 14 or 15.